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Senator Anthony R. Bucco  
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Dear Senator Bucco:

I have been asked by the members of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage (RVRSA) Board to bring to your attention a major concern regarding the potential paralyzing impact of the adoption of Senate 2427 in the form approved by vote of the State Senate on February 17, 2011.

The proposed legislation provides that any action of an authority be subject to a veto by the mayor – with the consent of a majority of the governing body – of a municipality that has created the authority. The RVRSA was created in 1971 by nine Morris County municipalities to provide effective wastewater treatment, to protect the Rockaway River, and the Jersey City Reservoir. Soon thereafter, the City of Jersey City became a fully participating member.

A law that enables the action of minority – maybe only one - of the municipalities comprising a regional sewerage authority to thwart the action of the overwhelming majority can lead to a host of untold negative outcomes. For example, it would allow one municipality with a billing or similar dispute to hold the others hostage in an effort to extract a favorable result. Budgets could become skewed in ways that would detrimental to the financial interests of the ratepayers. Other controversial actions or projects, such as those to expand capacity or to relieve pollution could become endlessly “hamstrung”; the list could go on and on.

The RVRSA urges you to oppose adoption of this legislation in its present form. We would be pleased to meet with you at our convenience to discuss these issues in detail.

Very Truly Yours,  
ROCKAWAY VALLEY  
REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

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